

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 02059 111610Z

71

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 DHA-02 SAJ-01 IO-11 ACDA-05 CIAE-00

DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01

PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 NEA-10 SAM-01 /089 W

----- 030093

R 111448Z FEB 76

FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9780

INFO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

AMCONSUL MUNICH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MOSCOW 2059

1. FEBRUARY 11 LITERATURNAYA GAZETA MARKS FORTHCOMING BRUSSELS "CONFERENCE IN DEFENSE OF JEWS IN NONDEMOCRATIC STATES" (SIC) WITH FULL PAGE OF STORIES DESIGNED TO REFUTE CHARGES THAT SOVIET JEWS ARE PREVENTED FROM EMIGRATING. INTRODUCTORY EDITORIAL NOTE DEFENDS SOVIET EMIGRATION POLICY AS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH 1966 U.N. PACT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS. PAPER ASSERTS THAT 122,000, OR 5 PERCENT OF TOTAL NUMBER OF SOVIET JEWS, EMIGRATED BETWEEN 1945 AND 31 DECEMBER 1975 AND CITES CURRENT SHARP REDUCTION OF THOSE APPLYING TO EMIGRATE TO MAKE RHETORICAL POINT THAT THE PROPER QUESTION TO ASK IF NOT "WHY ARE THEY NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE?", BUT, RATHER, "WHY AREN'T THEY LEAVING?"

2. STORIES INCLUDE ACCOUNTS BY JEWS:

-- DESCRIBING HOW THEY FELL UNDER SPELL OF ZIONIST PROPAGANDA, DECIDED TO EMIGRATE, AND THEN RECONSIDERED AT LAST MINUTE, AND EXPRESSING RELIEF THAT THEY SAW THE LIGHT IN TIME TO STOP THEM FROM RUINING THEIR LIVES;

-- EXPRESSING INDIGNATION OVER ALLEGED ZIONIST TACTIC OF SEEKING TO INDUCE THEM TO EMIGRATE BY PROVIDING UNSOLICITED FALSE AFFIDAVITS FROM NON-EXISTENT RELATIVES IN ISRAEL;

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 02059 111610Z

-- DESCRIBING HOW THEY WERE DECEIVED BY ZIONIST

AGENTS; THEIR DISILLUSIONMENT WITH LIFE IN ISRAEL AND
IN NEW YORK; AND THEIR BITTER REGRET OVER THEIR DECISION
TO LEAVE THEIR REAL HOMELAND;

-- REFUTING ALLEGATIONS THAT JEWS WHO APPLY FOR PER-
MISSION TO EMIGRATE SUFFER VARIOUS REPRESSIONS, INCLUDING
IMPRISONMENT ON FALSE CHARGES.

3. AMONG CASES CITED IN LATTER ARTICLE ARE THOSE OF VAYMAN
BROTHERS IN KHAR'KOV (SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS FOR ASSAULT
WHILE DRUNK AND DISORDERLY); P.B. PINKHAS IN DERBENT (EM-
BEZZLEMENT); AND M. SH. SHTERN, A PHYSICIAN IN VINNITSA
(PROFITEERING IN DRUGS AND GIVING FALSE STATEMENT FOR EXEMPTION
FROM MILITARY SERVICE).

4. COMMENT: THERE IS, OF COURSE, SOME TRUTH TO THE SOVIET

CLAIM THAT THE REDUCTION IN THE SIZE OF JEWISH EMIGRATION TO
ISRAEL FROM THE SOVIET UNION IS PART OF A WORLD-WIDE
REDUCTION OF EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL. NEVERTHELESS, IT
IS CLEAR THAT INTIMIDATION AND HARASSMENT OF JEWS
WHO APPLY FOR EXIT PERMISSION (OF WHICH ARTICLE IN
LITERATURNAYA GAZETA IS AN EXAMPLE), PLAYS A SIGNIFICANT
ROLE IN DETERRING JEWS FROM APPLYING. STOESSEL

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, JEWS, POLICIES, EMIGRANTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 11 FEB 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: morefirh
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976MOSCOW02059
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760052-1181
From: MOSCOW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760260/aaaacagz.tel
Line Count: 84
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: morefirh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 26 MAR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <26 MAR 2004 by ElyME>; APPROVED <01 JUL 2004 by morefirh>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: n/a
TAGS: PFOR, OCON, BE, UR
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006